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- The Liberal Farty of Paraguay has distributed clandestinely a pamphlet entitled "Declarations of the Liberal Party of Paraguay" which attacks the 25X1X6 present regime in Paraguay. Source was given a copy of the pamphlet by a Liberal Party official. The pamphlet was dated 11 April 1949 in Buenos Aires and was signed by Justo Prieto, President, and Luis A. Aponte, Secretary of the Liberal Party Directorate. The following are pertinent excerpts from the pamphlet.
- 2_{\circ} The pamphlet stated that it was the duty of the Liberal Party to speak out against the anarchy under which Paraguay has suffered for the past twelve years. Attention was called to the fact that the prestige of the Colorado Party has been lowered because it used illegal and unethical means to gain and retain its power. The pamphlet stated that the action of the Colorado Party in releasing political prisoners was laudable but there still existed unjust persecutions against Liberal opposition leaders who had opposed Morinigo and Gonzalez.
- 3. The pamphlet went on to say that the Liberal Party cannot remain passive before the existing situation in Paraguay. As a political organism, the Liberal Party must oppose the Colorado Party, as only through organized and responsible political entities can democracy be brought to Paraguay.
- While the Liberal Party in conclusion, desired to make clear its right to intervene in Paraguayan national politics, the Party would not accept coalitions or compromises with any other party, either with the government or with the opposition.

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